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Dr. Herman McAllister
Research Director
The Council of Tobacco Research, Inc.
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Dear Dr. McAllister:

We have had the honor of being elected co-chairs of the 1993 Gordon Research Conference on "Structural Macromolecules: Collagen", which will be held on July 26-30, 1993, at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, New Hampshire. This conference has convened every other year since 1970, and has provided a unique forum for interaction of outstanding scientists with an interest in connective tissue biology. Major discoveries in extracellular matrix research have often been reported for the first time at the Collagen Gordon Conference. In addition, the conference has provided an invaluable opportunity for development of productive collaborations, in particular between scientists in academia and industry.

The funds provided by the Gordon Conference organization and by NIH will be insufficient to cover all the meeting expenses and we are obliged to identify alternative sources of support. Thus we are writing to seek support from your organization to partially defray organizational expenses for the conference, in particular the travel expenses and registration fees of speakers and discussion leaders. Any contribution would be extremely helpful and of course will be acknowledged in the conference program. It should be made directly to the Gordon Research Conferences.

You will find enclosed a preliminary program for the 1993 conference listing the session topics and prospective discussion leaders. Many internationally recognized collagen biologists will be invited to present their most recent work. We believe that the emphasis we are placing on bone and cartilage biology in this conference is in keeping with the objectives of your company. Your support will contribute to a truly exciting and first-rate meeting in 1993.

We look forward to your reply and thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

Sherrill L. Adams
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